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REMARKS

Enclosed are the corrected sheets of formal drawings on which the corrections approved by the examiner have been made.

The examiner has rejected independent claim 1 (and dependent claim 8) under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Groenke (US 6125299). Particularly in view of the amendment made herein to claim 1, the examiner is urged to reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

The examiner has interpreted "manually operable control" as broad enough to encompass the force sensor 200 of Groenke. Claim 1 has been amended to prevent this overly broad interpretation of the claim.

Accordingly, claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

The examiner has indicated that the other independent claim (10) is allowable.

The remaining claims are all properly dependent on one or more of the independent claims, and thus allowable therewith. Each of the dependent claims adds one or more further limitations that enhance patentability, but those limitations are not presently relied upon.

Allowance of the application is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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